



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

10am Daily Mass (Mon. – Fri.)
 6.15pm (Vigil – Saturday),
 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

St. John's Church, Killenard

10.30am Sunday

MASS TIMES

St. Paul's Church, Emo

7.30pm (Vigil – Saturday),
 11am Sunday

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am Sunday



YEAR OF FAITH 2012



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Sunday 3rd March, 2013 – Third Sunday Of Lent

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 4th Mar. 10am Frank Higgins, Main Street
Tue. 5th 10am Luke Clarke, Bishopswood
Wed. 6th 10am ---
Thurs. 7th 10am ---

Fri. 8th 10am George & Annie Ridgeway, Garryhinch

Saturday 2nd March – 6.15pm

Paul O'Hehir, Treascon (1st Anniv.), Frank Dobbyn, Kilmalogue Cross (1st Anniv.) & deceased members of the Dobbyn Family, Patricia Horrigan, Gracefield (2nd Anniv.), Annie & Joseph Kavanagh, Doolagh, Thomas & Bridget O'Reilly, Congress Tce., Charlie & Brigid Kirwan, Doolagh, Con & Joan Coughlan, Assumpta Tce., Paddy Gallagher, Lea., John Knight Snr., St. Mary's Tce., Mary Connolly, Marian Hill, Billy Whelan, Marian Hill

Sunday 3rd March – 12.15pm

Kay Ryan, The Square (MM), Sean Ryan, The Square (1st Anniv.), Eva Nicholls, Tommy O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square (1st Anniv.), Stephen & Nellie Allen, Main St., Barry O'Neill & Michael O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq., Frank Higgins, Main St.

Saturday 9th March – 6.15pm

Thomas Kennedy, Gracefield

Sunday 10th March – 12.15pm

Michael Webster, French Church St. (MM), William McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (1st Anniv.) Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale, Caoimhe Carroll, Garryhinch, Margaret, Benny & Jane Weldon, Aughrim, John & Eileen Clarke

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 3rd March – 10.30am

Michael Doyle, Tierhogar (M.M.), Gretta Fitzmaurice, Killenard (2nd Anniv.), Paul Moore Snr., Springfield

Friday 8th March – 7.30pm

Martin Slevin, Ballycarroll (1st Anniv.) Richard & Bridie Slevin, Ballycarroll

Sunday 10th March – 10.30am

Stephen & Josephine Kiernan, Rathleash, Brigid & William Coleman, Closelands

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Dolores McMahon, Station Rd. formerly French Church St. & London, Maura Murphy, 65 St. Mary's Tce., Ellen Joyce, Kilcooney, Geashill, Mrs. Ciss Wheeler, Killimy & Michael Malone, Coolbanagher, Emo.

TEACH MHUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY



Meet every Tuesday evening at 8pm in Coláiste Íosagáin, Portarlington.

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Saturday 2nd March – 7.30pm

Bridget & John Leavy, St. Michael's Park

Sunday 3rd March – 11am

Mary Strong, Morette (M.M.)

Julia Morrin, Coolbanagher,

Catherine Doheny & Margaret Ryan

Saturday 9th March – 7.30pm

Mary Flynn, Hand Road, Morette, Bridget Gleeson, Morette, Christy Booth, Morette James O'Connor, Rossmore (2nd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 3rd March – 9am

Kitty Hunt (nee Ging), formerly Killaglush, Woodenbridge, Mary Brennan, Jamestown Alan Burke, Ballybrittas (24th Anniv.)

Sunday 10th March – 9am

Mick Kinsella, Fisherstown

LENTEN MASSES

Portarlington: 10am Mon. – Friday

Rath: 10am Monday – Friday

Emo: Tues. 5th & Wed. 6th March 9.15am

Killenard: Friday 8th March 7.30pm

LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Group meet every Monday from 8pm to 9pm in the Annexe. All very welcome.

LENTEN STATIONS

The Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the parish will be held next weekend. It will take the form of a second collection. Envelopes are available in the Church porches for those who have not got Envelope Boxes and wish to contribute. You can bring this envelope to Mass next weekend.

POPE BENEDICT XVI



Pope Benedict XVI retired from his position as Pope on February 28th due to advanced age and declining strength. We pray in thanksgiving for his dedication to the Church and ask God to bless his retirement with peace of mind and body. We pray also for the Conclave that it will be guided by the Holy Spirit in choosing Benedict's successor. An interesting historical note for our own Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin is that we have neither Pope nor Bishop.

LECTORS

Portarlington

Sat. 9th March 6.15pm Mary Bergin
 Sun. 10th March 9am Sadie Hainsworth /
 12.15pm Mary Murphy

Killenard

Sun. 10th March 10.30am Mairead Slevin

Emo

Sat. 9th March 7.30pm Muireann Ni Chonail
 Sun. 10th March 11am Stephanie Lewis

Rath

Sun. 10th March 9am Marie O'Loughlin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Portarlington - Sat. 2nd & 3rd March Team A

Killenard - Sun. 3rd March – Team E

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT SUN. 3RD MARCH

Emo 3-7pm Tony Byrne & Mary Delaney
Rath 2.30-6.30pm Bill Carroll & Oonagh Carroll

CHURCH COLLECTORS MARCH

St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Willie Keegan & Martin Dunne

Sun. 11am Edward Moloney

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am Willie Duffy & Liam Flynn

TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2013

REFLECTION

After the first 2 weeks of Lent, we hear once again this week words of great comfort. We also hear challenging words. It is by our fruit we are known as Christians. The Gospel today leaves us in no doubt that the purpose of a Christian's life is to bear rich fruit in how we live our lives. That fruit must surely include how we care for the most needy & vulnerable in our communities & our world.

BLESSING

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Bless us on this Lenten journey as we recognise the call of Christ to repentance, that we may be free to open our lives to him. Bless us as we reflect on the occasions of Christ's companionship with us in the past. Bless us, this Year of Faith, as channels of reconciliation: being reconciled to Christ and to others. May we be channels to lead others back to Christ. Amen

FIRST CONFESSIONS

First Confessions will take place next week:
St. Patrick's Boys N.S. – Mon. 4th March 7.30pm
Presentation Girls School & Cloneyhurke N.S.
Tues. 5th March 7.30pm
Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Wed. 6th March 7.30pm
Emo N.S. – Thurs. 7th March 7pm
Rath N.S. – Thurs. 7th March 8.15pm

PORTARLINGTON FOLK CHOIR

New members are always welcome. The Choir sing at 12.15pm Mass every fortnight & practice every Wednesday evening for one hour. Further information contact Anne Dunne on 087 4146600.

BOOK CLUB @ CaToGa Emo Tearooms

The next meeting of the book club will take place on Monday 4th March at 10.30am approx. Book to be discussed - 'The Secret Life of Bees', by Sue Monk Kidd. New members welcome.

LAOIS TALKING NEWSPAPER

"Laois Talking Newspaper is a free 90-minute audio cassette tape recording of local news, features, entertainment and sports produced every week. With readings from The Nationalist & Leinster Express the Talking Newspaper is free to anyone with a disability or infirmity, who may be blind or visually impaired or people with literacy problems. To avail of this service contact Angela on 057 8661754 talkingnewspaperlaois@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST. ANNE'S

Introduction to Basic Gardening on a budget
Sat. 20th April from 2–5pm. An afternoon of learning how to maximize your garden space on a budget. €15 each. Facilitated by Eileen Nash

An Afternoon with Nano

Fri. 26th April from 2–5pm. An afternoon of reflection & prayer on the life of Nano Nagle & how her courage & determination can influence our lives today. No charge. Donations at your discretion.

Circle Dance Workshop

Saturday 27th April from 10am – 4.30pm. Through the gentle movement and rhythm of Circle Dance, we can find support and encouragement to receive healing to body, mind and spirit. Suitable for all ages as movement is very gentle. €40 includes soup, sandwiches and Tea/Coffee

Presented by Sr. Maureen Miley pbvm
For further information and booking phone Catherine on 057-8626153

SOLEMN NOVENA

To Our Lady of Perpetual Help

In St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin. Six Wednesday nights during Lent. Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm). Theme: "Finding hope through Faith". Wed. 6th March – Speaker Fr. Paddy McDevitt – Director of All Hallows College, Dublin & Psychotherapist.

LAOIS HORSE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Charity Road Run.

Sun. 3rd March (today). All cars, tractors, motor bikes & lorries welcome. Registration from 11.30 – 12.30pm at the Fisherman's Inn. Start 1pm sharp. Refreshments afterwards – Fun raffle for drivers and auction afterwards including items autographed by Olympic Gold Medalist Katie Taylor, Silver Medalist John Joe Nevin & Bronze Medalist Cian O'Connor.

HISTORY OF ART – GANDON ART GROUP

Lecture in the History of Art will take place on Monday night's for a six week period. Venue: The Heritage Golf & Spa Resort, Killenard (Theatre Room). Speaker: Dr. Ciaran Woods – Art Historian. Commencing 6.30pm with refreshments – Lecture commences at 7pm. Further information phone 087 2735385.

VERDI'S LA TRAVIATA

Showing on Sun. 10th March at 5.30pm in the Theatre Room, The Heritage Golf & Spa Resort, Killenard. All welcome. Enquiries 087 2735385.

PARISH CHOIR

Door always open – New members very welcome. 9am every Sunday.

PORTARLINGTON AWARDS 2013

Portarlington Awards night will take place on Friday 22nd March commencing 7.30pm in the Heritage Golf & Spa Resort, Killenard. Tickets cost €30 each. Sponsored by Bank of Ireland, The Heritage, Killenard, Love Port & Independent College, Dublin.

The following are the categories you can enter.

1. Outstanding Community group / 2. Charity of the Year Award / 3. Port's Person of the Year Award / 4. Port's Den-Business Start-up Award
5. Business of the Year Award / 6. Green Initiative Award / 7. Scholarship Award

Contact the Love Port office, Main Street on 087-2343240 or www.portarlington.ie/awards.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Numbers 5, 12, 13, 15, – No winner. €25 to: Oisín Carroll, Carn Bridge, c/o Emo Shop; Ed Fitzgerald, c/o Maeve; Stephanie Lewis, New Inn; Brenda & Holly, c/o Pat Gorman; John Strong, Emo; **Next Jackpot €6,200**

PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB AGM

Meeting in Portarlington Community Centre on Thurs 7th March at 8pm. All members welcome. New members very welcome.

LAOIS CARER'S ASSOCIATION

The Carer's Association Laois are holding a Spring Fair on Sat. 9th March in Portlaoise Parish Centre, from 10am–4pm. For further info. from Yvonne Lynam on 087-6389606

LAOIS CRAFT GROUP

Laois Craft Group are back in Laois Shopping Centre by invitation from Kevin Doyle on Sat. 9th March for their Annual Spring Fair. Come along & see the beautiful range of Gifts & Cards for Mother's Day.

SACRED HEART MESSENGER

Next weekend two representatives from the Messenger: Elizabeth Foley and Gaye Adams will be in the parish to promote direct subscriptions to the Messenger. It is a very readable magazine, informative, inspiring and well worth getting. A special half-price offer of €12 for a year's direct postal subscription will be available together with a free copy for all attending Mass.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL MEGA TABLE QUIZ

Table Quiz will be held in Portarlington Golf Club on Fri. next 8th March commencing 8pm sharp. Table of 4 €40. Quiz Master RTE Ciaran Mullolly. Proceeds in aid of local Carer's Association.

CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

Child minder available to care for child/children in child's own house. Phone: 086-2599335

BANJO LESSONS

Banjo teacher available to give lessons – Very experienced – All Ireland standard Teacher - Beginners to advanced level welcome. 1 to 1 tuition – One hour lessons (extra time if needed). Phone 085 7760823.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Joe Walsh Tours – 9th Oct for 7 days. Ex Dublin. €629 per person sharing. Further details contact Mary Murphy on 086 1627564.

REVISION COURSES 2013

Leaving & Junior Cert. Monday, April 1st to Friday April 5th 2013 (incl.) Tel: Midland Institute of Education, Portlaoise - (057) 8621042 or 086 0567072.

WANTED

Looking for kids outdoor play equipment, for example Play House / Climbing Frame / Trampoline etc. Contact: 086 3686406

PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO

LOURDES

2nd August – 9th August 2013. Booking now. Seven nights in Hotel Solitude – Full Board. €779 per person sharing. Limited number of seats. Deposit secures a seat. Further info. contact Marie Corcoran 087 7589896 or Vera Treacy 087 9311813

DIOCESAN CONGRESS

LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH

Following the very successful Congress that took place last year, another Diocesan Congress will be held in Carlow on March 8 & 9. In this Year of Faith, the chosen theme is 'Lord, Increase our Faith'. There will be a number of keynote speakers: Rev. Prof Eamonn Conway, Rev Dr Ruth Patterson & Bishop Brendan Kelly. There will also be a wide range of workshops [22 in total], taking place in the Cathedral, Carlow College and the Cathedral Parish Centre. Booking is essential. Please note that the closing date has been extended until Monday, 4th March. Brochures and Booking Forms are available from the Parish Representative or Parish Office. You can also book online at www.kandle.ie/congress

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:



Portarlington

Nathan James Kavanagh, Ballymorris Court
Harry Brian Irvin, Whitefields
Ruby Bernadette McBride, Na Cluainte
Isla Grace O'Reilly-Flynn, Patrick Street
Rioghán John Moore, Canal Court
Rhys Patrick Huban, Kilnacourt Woods
Sam William Petriw, Castle Lea View, Lansdowne

O'DEMPSEY'S LOTTO 25.2.13

No Winner No's 04 10 11 28
Next Week Jackpot €9000!

Play online now @ www.odempseysqfc.ie

SCRAP SATURDAY

On Sat. 16th March, Courtwood GAA club are giving you the opportunity to get rid of all your household or farm/ business unwanted scrap metal or appliances by donating it to a recycling collection as a fundraiser for the club. Your scrap metal can be brought to the club car park between the hours of 9am-4pm on the day. Items can be collected by calling PJ Kelly on 087-6686267. We ask all club players, members & supporters to collect any bits of old scrap metal, iron, etc. around the house, garden, shed or farmyard & bring to the collection point. We will accept all of the following items; old cars, vans, engines, machinery, washing machines gates, corrugated sheeting etc. We cannot accept fridges, gas bottles, televisions, wood, rubber, ceramics or household rubbish.

PORTARLINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The club, established 7 years ago, is run from the Catholic Club, Main Street. This is an all inclusive club for 12 – 18 year olds which runs from Sept. – May each year on Wed. nights from 7.30-9.30pm. Members run the Club & organise activities such as Cookery, DVD nights, Sports Nights arts & crafts, self defense, first aid, guitar lessons. If you are a young person who would be interested in meeting new friends, learning new skills or simply just enjoy hanging out then this club may be for you. Simply drop down any Wednesday night for a look around or contact us on portarlingtonyouthclub@yahoo.co.uk. The youth club are always looking for volunteers so if you are over the age of 18, interested in meeting new friends and would like to give something back to the community then please give us a call on 087 9852680.